

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2003, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

In the Office Action, it was suggested that the title of the present application be changed to more clearly reflect the invention to which the claims are directed. The title has been changed in accordance with this request and the title accurately reflects claimed subject matter of the present application.

Claims 14, 26, 27, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regard as the invention. Claims 14, 26, 27, 30 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering these rejections moot.

Claims 1-3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,324,036 (Morrow). As discussed below, independent claim 1 has been amended and is patentable over the cited reference.

Claim 1 is directed to a video game management system. The video game management system includes a housing having a front face and at least one bay formed in the front face. The system also includes at least one movable storage module disposed in the at least one bay. The storage module is constructed and arranged to store at least one disk and or at least one memory card. The system also includes at least one controller clip configured to cradle a video game controller.

Morrow discusses a video game console. The console includes an inclined table having four adjustable legs. The console further includes covered compartments on the top of the console, as well as recessed hand controller receptacles, also on the top of the console. One of the covered compartments is used for holding video game cartridges.

In contrast to claim 1, Morrow does not teach or suggest a housing having at least one bay formed in the front face of the housing, and at least one movable storage module disposed in the at least one bay, as is recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Morrow, and the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2, 3, and 6 depend directly from claim 1, and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1.

Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow. Claims 4 and 7 depend directly from claim 1, and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 5 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,253,756 (Goekler). Goekler discusses a data storage container having adjustable trays and a top cover that pivots about an axis so that the container can be opened; however, Goekler does not overcome the deficiencies of Morrow, discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection as to claim 5 moot. Claim 8 depends directly upon claim 1, and is patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 9-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,252,754 B1 (Chaudhry). Chaudhry discusses a surge suppression for use in overvoltage protection of electronic devices; however, Chaudhry does not overcome the deficiencies of Morrow, discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 9-13 depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 1, and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 15, 19, 20, 22-25, 28 and 29 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view Chaudhry. As discussed below, independent claims 15, 28, and 29 are patentable over the cited references.

Claim 15 is directed to a video game management system. The video game management system includes a main housing having a front face with at least one bay formed in the front face and a surge suppression system disposed within the housing, wherein the surge suppression system is constructed and arranged to provide surge protected power to one or more electronic devices. The video game management system also includes at least one movable storage module disposed within the at least one bay in the main housing. The storage module is constructed and arranged to store at least one of a disk and a memory card.

Chaudhry discloses a surge suppressor for use in overvoltage protection of electronic devices. The surge suppressor protects devices from overvoltage conditions appearing on AC power lines and coaxial transmission lines.

Neither Chaudhry nor Morrow, discussed above with respect to claim 1, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a main housing having at least one bay formed in the front face of the housing and a surge suppression system disposed within the housing, as is recited in

claim 15. Nor do the references disclose or suggest at least one movable storage module disposed within the at least one bay in the main housing, as is recited in claim 15.

Claim 28 is directed to a video game management system for use with a video game console. The video game management system includes a housing having at least one bay formed in the front face of the housing and storage means for storing video game components, wherein the storage means are disposed in the bay. The video game management system further includes surge protected power means for providing surge protected power to at least one electronic device.

As discussed above with respect to claim 15, neither Morrow nor Chaudhry, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a housing having at least one bay formed in the front face of the housing and storage means for storing video game components, wherein the storage means are disposed in the bay, as is recited in claim 28.

Claim 29 is directed to a video game management system for storing objects used in conjunction with an electronic device. The video game management system includes a housing having a front face with at least one bay formed in the front face, wherein the housing includes support portions on a top surface of the housing to support a video game console or other electronic device. The support portions are constructed and arranged to provide an airflow passage between the video game console or other electronic device and a surface of the housing. The system further includes at least one movable storage module disposed in the at least one bay, wherein the storage module is constructed and arranged to store at least one of a disk and a memory card, and a surge suppression system disposed within the housing. The surge suppression system is constructed and arranged to provide surge protected power to one or more electronic devices.

As discussed above with respect to claims 15 and 28, neither Morrow nor Chaudhry, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a housing having a front face with at least one bay formed in the front face, wherein the housing includes support portions on a top surface of the housing to support a video game console or other electronic device. Nor do Morrow and Chaudhry disclose or suggest support portions constructed and arranged to provide an airflow passage between the video game console or other electronic device and a surface of the housing, as is recited in claim 29.

Based on the foregoing, independent claims 15, 28, and 29 are patentable over Morrow in view of Chaudhry. Claims 19, 20, and 22-25, being directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 15, are patentable for at least the reasons noted above with respect to claim 15.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of U.S. Patent No. D462,398 (Hussaini). Without acceding to the correctness of this rejection, claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection of claim 14 moot.

Claims 16-18 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of Chaudhry, and further in view of Goekler. Goekler does not overcome the deficiencies of Morrow and Chaudhry with respect to claim 15. Claims 16-18 and 21 depend directly on claim 15, and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 15.

Claims 29 and 32-34 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of Chaudhry, and further in view of Goekler. For the reasons discussed below, independent claim 29 is patentable over the cited references, as well is claim 33 that depends from claim 29. Claims 32 and 34 have been canceled, without prejudice, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

Goekler discusses a container having a plurality of adjustable trays in which data-storage devices are stored. The container has a main compartment in which the trays rest and a top cover that pivots about an axis so that the container can be opened to insert or remove discs.

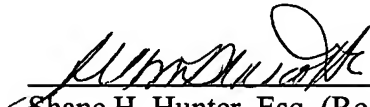
As discussed above, neither Morrow nor Chaudhry, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a housing having a front face with at least one bay formed in the front face, wherein the housing includes support portions on a top surface of the housing to support a video game console or other electronic device, and wherein the support portions are constructed and arranged to provide an airflow passage between the video game console or other electronic device and a surface of the housing, as is recited in claim 29. Nor does Goekler, alone or in combination with Morrow and Chaudhry, disclose or suggest a housing having a front face with at least one bay formed in the front face, wherein the housing includes support portions on a top surface of the housing to support a video game console or other electronic device. Based on the foregoing, independent claim 29 is patentable over Morrow in view of Chaudhry, and further in view of Goekler, and the rejection of claim 29 should be withdrawn. Claim 33 directly depends on claim 29 and is patentable for at least the reasons noted above with respect to claim 29.

Claims 26, 27, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow in view of Chaudhry, and further in view of Hussaini. Without acceding to the correctness of this rejection, claims 26, 27, 30, and 31 have been canceled, rendering these rejections moot.

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Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. To answer any questions, or otherwise further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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